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Credit union offers reward

\$10K for information on robbery suspect

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Agawam Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred before Christmas and now the bank is offering a reward for any information that leads to the arrest of the individual who committed the crime.

Last Friday, Jan. 2, Holyoke Credit Union Marketing Officer Barbara Baran issued a press release saying the bank was offering a \$10,000 reward for “information directly leading to the arrest and conviction or guilty plea of a person or persons responsible for the armed robbery.”



Submitted photo

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Agawam Police released this image of the suspect in the Holyoke Credit Union robbery.

Dog tags to honor troops this year

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It's going to be a great year for licensed dogs in the town of Agawam. There will soon be a new dog park opening in town, and there will another great themed license for them to wear.

Animal Control Office Allison Strong said Tuesday that this year's license tags will be in the

form of Purple Hearts to honor the United States military.

“We have already honored the police and fire the last two years,” said Strong. “I thought it would be a great idea to honor our military.” The themed dog licenses spawned “out of nowhere” Strong says, but they have been a huge hit among dog owners in the community.

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Just add warmth

School Street Park should be complete by spring

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Parks and Recreation Department is excited about the future of School Street Park as the second phase is near completion, Director Christopher Sparks said this week.

“We are hoping to get it finished up as soon as we can,” said Sparks. “It just depends when the winter weather breaks.”

The park's first phase brought residents a family destination with regulation baseball and softball diamonds, as well as more soccer fields for the town's youth programs, a playground and bathroom facility and parking. The School Street Barn, which will be restored during the next year, serves as an icon in the School Street entrance to the park.

Starting this year, residents will have access to the second phase area of the park, where even more attractions has been added.

“We have added another small playground, a spray park, and a covered pavilion,” said Sparks.

But one of the more exciting additions is a band shell and stage with room for lawn seating and a concession building.

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If not for the snow this week — and the construction fences — some of the major Phase II components of School Street Park look ready for use, including a playground, splash pad and picnic pavilion.

BLOOD MOBILE



Turley Publications photo by Michael J. Ballway

Medical assistant Aimee Cropanese prepares to draw blood from Agawam resident Andy McQuade inside the Mercy Medical Center Blood Mobile during its Jan. 6 visit to St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street. For information on upcoming blood drives, see the “Out & About” calendar on page 22.



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The press release asks anyone with information to call the Agawam Police Detective Bureau at 413-786-1717.

The Agawam Police Department responded to a report of a robbery that occurred just after 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23. According to the police, the suspect entered the bank, located at 4 Washington Avenue Ext., and showed a handgun. The suspect then jumped over the counter and stole an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect then fled the area.

The suspect was wearing sweatpants, a black hooded sweatshirt, and appeared to be wearing a mask that concealed his or her face.

Surveillance photos supplied by the Agawam Police Department show the suspect before he or she hopped the counter. The photograph shows a gun in the suspect's hand.

Holyoke Credit Union is hoping the offer of a reward will garner some more leads for the police.

"We would really like to see the Agawam Police Department be able to solve this case," said Baran. "It was a very frightening incident for the people in the bank and we would like to see this incident resolved."

No one was injured in the robbery.

According to the press release, only a person who provides direct information that leads to a resolution in the case will



Submitted photo

Agawam Police released this surveillance camera image of the Holyoke Credit Union robbery on Dec. 23. The credit union is offering a reward for information leading to the suspect's arrest.

be eligible to receive the reward. The person who receives the award must prove he or she is the person who supplied the information. Law enforcement officers are ineligible to receive the reward.

The credit union will only be giving out one reward and it reserves the right to rescind the reward at its discretion.

Tickets available for Atlantic Canada cruise

St. John's Travelers will host an Atlantic Canada Cruise Tour July 5 through July 11. The seven-day trip will include stops at Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. An informational meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 13, at 6 p.m.

Tour prices are \$1,647 per person, double occupancy; \$2,227 per person, single occupancy; and \$1,577 per person, triple occupancy. Single rooms are limited.

Tickets include deluxe motor coach transportation, one night private stateroom on board ship, five nights hotel accommodations, taxes, baggage handling and port taxes.

Also included are four breakfasts, five dinners, guided tours of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Prince Edward Island, all sight-seeing and admissions fees, tickets for the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, a full-time tour escort and gratuities for the driver, escort and local guides..

A tour deposit of \$250 per person is due no later than Feb. 15 with full payment due by May 15. Optional travel insurance is available for \$86 per person, double and triple occupancy and \$107 per person, single occupancy.

For more information and reservations, contact Emile Cote, 2 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, at 413-335-9440.

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Cinema reopening likely delayed until Feb.

By Michael J. Ballway
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Agawam Cinemas remains a “coming attraction,” with electrical work expected to push the theater’s reopening past the end of this month.

Kimberly Wheeler, who had hoped to reopen the theater on Suffield Street in time for Thanksgiving 2014, said this week that electrical work commissioned by her landlord at Southgate Plaza is taking longer than expected, with no firm timetable for completion.

“At this time, they haven’t been able to give me any specific completion date,” Wheeler said. As to when the theater might be ready to open to the public: “If I had to guess, I’d say early February, but that’s a complete guess.”

The two-screen theater, built in the 1970s, has been closed since May 2014. It previously operated under the name “Agawam Family Cinemas,” showing second-run films. Wheeler, an emergency medical technician and film buff, purchased the business shortly after it closed.

Since then, she has worked to convert it to digital projection — now the industry standard — and update the auditorium seats, concession area and lobby. When it reopens, it will screen first-run films with ticket prices “in the \$7 range,” lower than the multiplexes in Chicopee and West Springfield.

For Wheeler, an Agawam resident who hasn’t had much time for her “day job” as an EMT since taking on the cinema project, the delay is frustrating, but kind comments from supporters and neighbors keep her spirits up.

“There are so many things that are out of my control at this point that my hands are kind of tied,” Wheeler said. “I continue to get messages every day that are really understanding. ... When I explain our situation with the contractors, the



File photo
Kimberly Wheeler stands in front of the Agawam Cinemas in October.

response I’m getting is, ‘That’s how it is with renovations, I understand.’ Really, people are very, very encouraging.”

Kickstarter funds fall short

Although the counter read “\$45,126” at 5 p.m. on Nov. 15, the end of the Agawam Cinemas’ Kickstarter.com campaign, the crowdfunding drive only realized about \$35,000 in donations, Wheeler said this week. More than 20 percent of the online pledges were not honored.

To support to a Kickstarter campaign, individual donors make pledges online during a one-month period, submitting their credit card or online account information to Kickstarter. Their accounts are charged only if the campaign meets its pledge goal at the end of the month.

The beneficiary of the campaign — in this case, Wheeler — does not process the payments herself, so Wheeler said she does not know the particulars of how and why some pledges were dropped. Kickstarter and Amazon.com worked with donors individually, she said.

One of the dishonored gifts was among the campaign’s larger pledges, and a couple were in the \$250 range, but most were for \$100 or smaller, she said.

The theater also raised \$1,000 during a November “cut-athon” at Salon Tres Chic in Agawam, and some local businesses gave in-kind donations to the renovations. Wheeler said there may be another fundraiser elsewhere in town later this year.

Despite the funding gap, Wheeler said she has raised enough money to purchase a digital projector — the stated purpose of the campaign — enabling her to show first-run films in both auditoriums when Agawam Cinemas finally opens. The “extras” that she had contemplated installing, such as a new sound system and improved signage outside the theater, will have to wait until the theater is operating and turning a profit.

Wheeler has said that the first film to be shown at the theater will be whatever first-run feature is in theaters that week, but that she also hopes to offer “a nice, classic, retro film” during the first weekend. With two theaters open, she plans to screen three to four films each week, with several evening and matinee showings.

ARE YOU OLD NEWS?

Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to mballway@turley.com. Please include your first and last name.



Last week’s photo: Correctly identifying Elizabeth Lasky was Neil Cormier.

‘Jersey Boys’ at Catholic Women’s Club meeting

The Catholic Women’s Club will meet Monday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Father Joyce Room at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. The night’s events will include a showing of the movie, “The Jersey Boys.” Light refreshments will be served.

The public is welcome.

Councilor sets up rules review

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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An Agawam city councilor is calling for his subcommittee to review the council rules, regulations, and procedures it uses to manage protocols and run meetings.

Councilor James Cichetti, the chairman of the Legislative Subcommittee of the City Council, is calling a meeting of the subcommittee to review all the council rules and regulations, but says he wants to specifically get new rules that were passed last year “on the books.”

“Last year, we passed a few rules that were not actually added to our council rule book,” said Cichetti. “That needs to happen. But it is also a good time for us to be reviewing all of our rules.”

Cichetti has proposed a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 14. The time have not been officially set as the Agawam Advertiser News went to press, but the meeting will likely be held at the Agawam Public Library.

The subcommittee meeting will take the form of a council workshop, which allows for any councilor, not only those on the subcommittee, to attend the meeting and make comments.

He asked Monday night at the first regular council meeting of 2015 for all councilors to review their rules and see if there are any changes they may be interested in proposing.

Cichetti says he will personally be proposing adding a council rule that will call for the re-organization of the city council’s officers at the beginning of each calendar year.

Under the current format, councilors are elected (or re-

elected) every two years in November. The elected councilors then take office in the following January. During the first meeting in January, the council elects a president and a vice president. The seating arrangement of the councilors is also determined. The president and vice president, along with the eldest member of the council, occupy the middle three seats. Numbers are drawn for the remaining eight seats.

Cichetti believes this procedure should take place annually. He says some of his colleagues agree.

“There was actually a little bit of confusion among some of the councilors why did not have a re-organization today,” Cichetti said. “I think we should give the councilors an opportunity to re-organize on a yearly basis.” Cichetti said the rule could require the re-organization following town elections one year, and then make it optional the following year.

“A councilor could make a motion for re-organization, and then if it passes, we would do it,” said Cichetti.

For the past four years, Christopher Johnson has served as the council president while Dennis Perry, a longtime councilor, has been the vice president.

Council rules that need to be added to their rulebook were passed in April 2014. The council approved eliminating a verbatim minutes requirement from their rules because audio and video recordings of meetings are now available on the town’s website. Summary written minutes are still kept. The council also agreed to make the council president and vice president ex-officio members of all subcommittees. They are able to serve in that capacity in situations when a quorum is needed.

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- Wednesday, Jan. 21
- Wednesday, Feb. 18

West Springfield

128 Park St. (West Springfield Senior Center)

Family and Friends support: 3:15 to 4:15 pm

- Wednesday, Jan. 21
- Wednesday, Feb. 18

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220 North Main St. (Forastiere Grief Support Center)

Parent support: 7 to 9 pm

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Opinion

Don't stop giving

Let's find a way to draw on the spirit of giving, even if your bank account is looking a bit tapped out, for a few more weeks.

Everyone comes together to give during the holidays. Whether it's a genuine desire to help one's fellow human, a religious imperative, a way to share the joy of the season or simply taking advantage of the final opportunity for a tax break, many charities see a spike in December. And after that, whether it's fatigue or financial, donors drop off in January — even though the need continues year-round.

But there's one charity that doesn't see a spike in December, and needn't see a trough this month, because it costs nothing, other than a little of your time, to give.

There's a year-round need for donated blood, and a year-round need for blood donors. According to the Red Cross, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, an average of 3 pints at a time — generally, one pint each from three donors. Cancer patients may need blood every day during chemotherapy. A car crash victim may need as much as 100 pints of blood.

Donated red blood cells must be used within 42 days, platelets within five days, so it's unlikely that your donation will directly benefit you. But support of the blood donor system benefits us all. To put a twist on the old saying, the life you save may be the future donor who saves your own. Yet though 38 percent of the nation's population is eligible to donate, only 10 percent does.

There are several upcoming blood drives in Agawam and surrounding communities. To find blood drives in the area, visit www.mercycares.com/blood-donor and click on "community drives" under "Where to Donate," and visit www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/ and enter your ZIP code.

As you write those big checks to pay off December's credit card bills — or frown as the withdrawals add up in January's bank statement — keep in mind that some forms of charity don't require a single dollar. But they still meet a need.



Turley Publications photo by Michael J. Ballway
The Mercy Medical Center Blood Mobile parked outside St. John's Church in Agawam earlier this week.

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Buddy Sullivan turns 90

The man many of us know as Buddy Sullivan was born on Dec. 26, 1924. Named Henry Eugene, he grew up in the Merrick section of West Springfield and attended grade school at the Immaculate Conception School on Main Street. Since "Henry" was not considered a good Catholic name, the nuns used his middle name of Eugene. One day in class, a nun called him Henry and his classmates wondered whom she was calling on. The nickname Buddy came from his dad, who noticed the word Buddy on his little red wagon.

Buddy graduated from West Springfield High School in 1942 and joined the Marines. Our country invaded the island of Iwo Jima in February 1945. This island was close to Japan and deemed important for a possible invasion of Japan to end the war. Many of our soldiers died there, but the Japanese lost over 20,000 men. When Buddy was on Iwo Jima, he got tapped on the shoulder one day by a man looking for Buddy Sullivan. It was Fran Bouley, who later settled at 19 Letendre Ave.

After the war, Buddy married Ruth Noret of West Springfield and they raised four children who attended AHS. He ran a foundry for his entire career and is responsible for many bronze plaques here in Agawam. The George Washington plaque at the Federal Street intersection is one of the most mem-

orable ones, but the plaque he made for the Titanic could be the one that endures the longest. It was placed on the wreckage in the bottom of the ocean in 1984 and isn't likely to be taken by the scrap metal thieves.

The oldest Sullivan child is Gale '70, who was a beautiful, spunky cheerleader at AHS. Her classmates voted her "Most Popular," "Miss Personality" and "AHS Spirit." Gale is a nurse and has a son Trevor and a daughter Whitney. Next in line is Kevin '71. He was a lineman on the football team and threw the discus on the track team. Kevin recently retired from Raytheon out in California. He and his wife Jo have three children, boys Devin and Curran and a daughter, Delaney. Maybe you remember the David Monahan story back in an old column. Jo was the girl that got talking to David in a California car wash waiting room.

Shawn '74 was the Sullivans' third Brownie. A star football player, he was one of Cliff Kibbe's favorites, maybe his number one. Cliff's face would light up whenever he heard "Shawn Sullivan." Shawn also played baseball and was voted "Class Athlete" and "Class Pin Up Boy" by his classmates. Now the general manager of Bertera Subaru in West Spring-

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Breakfast lasagna

I love a hot breakfast on a cold winter morning. Although this dish can be prepared the night before and reheated in the microwave, I prefer the aroma of my Breakfast Lasagna while reading the morning newspaper in front of my roaring fire with my first or second cup of coffee.

Mushrooms, red peppers, and onions are a favorite veggie combination of mine but you may substitute with your own favorites. Asparagus and zucchini can be a good choice. I realize that you may consider it an unnecessary step to roast these veggies, but the added flavor resulting from roasting is well worth the extra step.

On occasion I have substituted cooked, crumbled, crisp bacon for the Canadian bacon, but I often prefer to add the crumbled bacon on top of the lasagna just as it comes out of the oven. This keeps it crisp with an added dimension of flavor and crunch. I suggest using the 'ready-to-serve' bacon that cooks in 30 seconds in the microwave ... no mess!

Breakfast Lasagna

- 1 1/4 C. chopped fresh mushrooms
- 1/4 C. finely chopped red bell pepper
- 2 T. chopped scallions
- 1 tsp. butter
- 2 slices Canadian bacon, diced
- 1 C. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 3 egg roll wrappers, cut in half
- 4 eggs

Line a cookie sheet with foil and spray with non-stick cooking spray. Place mushrooms and chopped pepper on top of foil. Spray veggies with nonstick cooking spray. Bake in a 425-degree oven for 8 minutes.

Add scallions and bacon to the cooked veggies and toss. Set aside. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Spray the inside of an 8-inch by 4-inch by 2-inch loaf pan. Add butter and melt in oven. Cut each egg roll wrapper in half.

Place two half-sheets on bottom of loaf pan. Sprinkle half of veggie mixture over wrapper. Whisk two of the eggs and pour over veggies. Sprinkle half of the cheese on top.

With remaining ingredients, repeat layers in this order: wrapper, veggie mixture, eggs, wrapper, and cheese. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 30 minutes or until eggs are cooked through.

NOTES: Egg roll wrappers are not a perfect fit to the loaf pan and will overlap. You may salt and pepper to taste at any point during the assembling of this dish.

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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 69 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Dec. 30 to Jan. 5.

On Dec. 30 at 11:08 a.m., the department responded to Cynthia Place for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Dec. 30 at 3:01 p.m., the department responded to Poplar Street for lockout.

On Dec. 30 at 6:27 p.m., the department responded to River Road to search for person in water.

On Dec. 31 at 2:36 p.m., the department responded to High Street for attempted

burning, illegal action, other.

On Dec. 31 at 7:56 p.m., the department responded to Moore Street for lockout.

On Jan. 1 at 6:26 a.m., the department responded to Family Lane for public service assistance, other.

On Jan. 3 at 5:57 p.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for public service.

On Jan. 4 at 3:26 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Jan. 4 at 6:33 p.m., the department responded to Reed Street for lockout.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 338 calls for service from Dec. 29 to Jan. 5. The department made 13 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

Kenneth Harriman, 35, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 38, Agawam, was arrested on a warrant.

Thursday, Jan. 1

Elba Miranda, 40, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 15, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Tyler Lepage, 29, of 39 Church St., Suffield, Conn., was arrested on a charge of attaching plates to a motor vehicle, and a warrant for larceny over \$250.

Richard H. Chillson III, 31, of 8 Grand St., Enfield, Conn., was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, speeding in violation of special regulation, marked lanes violation, and failure to stop/yield.

Anthony Valentino Stirlacci, 32, of 23 Suffield St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Friday, Jan. 2

Bruce W. Batchelder II, 39, of 12 Billings Mobile Manor, Rutland, Vt., was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Christifer M. Schmuck, 34, of 179 Corona

St., Springfield, was arrested on two counts of vandalizing property – defacement of real or personal property, and disorderly conduct.

Daniel Ertel, 52, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 28, Agawam, was arrested on two default warrants for failure to appear.

Eric R. Jarvis, 38, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 9, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Saturday, Jan. 3

Daniel Vinton, 32, of 54 James Ave., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

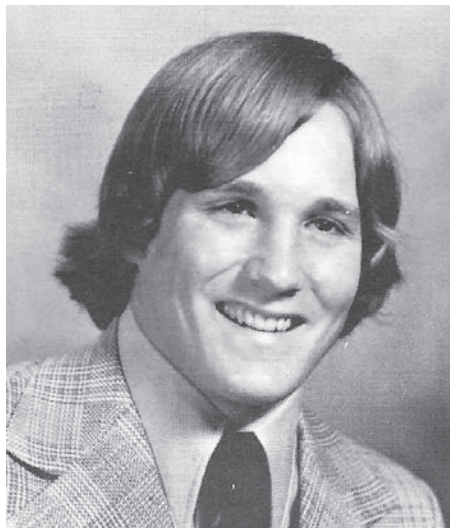
Pavel Ivanov, 42, of 1181 Westfield St., W. Springfield, was arrested on two charges of domestic assault and battery, and threat to commit a crime.

Sunday, Jan. 4

Jason Danenza, 30, of 38 Canon Circle, Apt. 38, Springfield, was arrested on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, sending/receiving electronic message cell phone, and operation of a motor vehicle with license suspended subsequent offense.

Valentin, Ciornii, 46, of 105 River St., W. Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, fourth offense, leaving the scene of property damage, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended subsequent offense, speeding, and marked lanes violation.

William F. Garrett, 42, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 38, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.



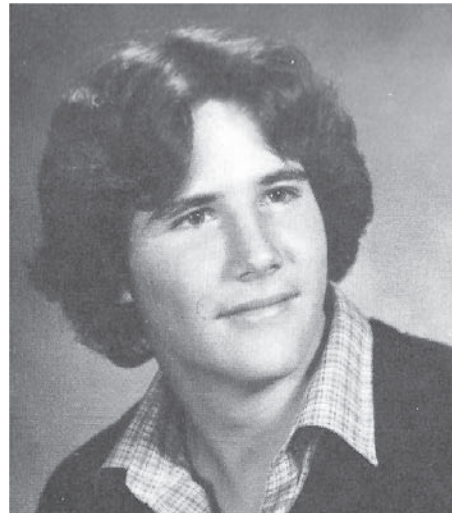
Shawn Sullivan



Gale Sullivan



Kevin Sullivan



Patrick Sullivan

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field, he has two daughters, Paige and Mackensie. The youngest Sullivan is Patrick '81. A hockey player at AHS, he is now a vice-president at Kamantics in Connecticut. At AHS his classmates voted him "Class Flirt."

Buddy's children had a 90th birthday party for him Dec. 27 at the Storowton Carriage House. Many Brownies were there to wish Sully a happy 90th. Some of the ones I talked to were Cheryl (Blackak) and Nick Longhi, Donna (Pugh) and Mike Bodurtha, Scott Brindle, Dan Gloster, Debbie (Leclerc) and Nick DePalma, Carol (Consolati) and Don Lunden, Gerry Dubuc, Pat (Pohner) and Freddie Uschmann, Helen (Belcher) Chester, Lois (Johnson) Ruby, Leonard "Buddy"

Johnson III and Bob Cahill.

Henry Eugene Sullivan is in good health, still drives and plays golf, so he has a good shot to have a 100th birthday party. Thanks to Marines like him and all the others in Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation," we still have the freedom our founding fathers created in 1776.

Note: The book and movie, "Flags of Our Fathers," tell the story of Iwo Jima. The book by James Bradley was a No. 1 New York Times Bestseller.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

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AuthorTalk at library set for Jan. 29

The Agawam Public Library's first "AuthorTalk" of 2015 will take place Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., and will feature local author Ariel Swan. Her book "The Nightingale Bones" is the tale of Alice Towne, a young woman who has the ability to smell the memories of the dead. When she agrees to do a favor for her mother and finds herself the caretaker of an old house in Hawthorne, she hopes to come to terms with her curse in solitude.

Hawthorne is beautiful and quaint, filled with history and an air of enchantment. Everyone in town seems to have a secret to share or to hide. The house is anything but empty and the odor of pep-

permint lingers in every corner. When Alice unearths the bones of an infant in the Colonial-era cellar, she knows she must learn the truth of what happened on While Hill, if she ever wants to understand herself.

"The Nightingale Bones" was inspired by a minor notation in F.G. Howes' "History of Ashfield" about a man named Samuel Nightingale who was "refused burial because he was believed to be a wizard and in league with the devil."

For more information, visit www.ArielSwan.com. To register for the event, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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Curry named Citizenship Award winner

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee has announced that Marilyn Fitzpatrick Curry is the 2015 Citizenship Award winner. Curry was born in Hartford and graduated from Hartford Public High School with the class of 1948. She attended Mercy Hospital School of Nursing from 1949 to 1951.

Curry married Richard Curry in 1951 and was married 40 years when he died in 1991. They had two children, Debby and Rick. She is the proud grandmother of five and great-grandmother of three.

In April 1963, Marilyn and Richard moved to Feeding Hills, where they joined the Agawam Historical Association. They wrote a column that appeared weekly in the Agawam Advertiser News, titled "In Old Agawam."

Curry has been a trustee of the Captain Charles Leonard House for 26 years. She is also a member of the Whiting Street Commission and the Agawam Historical Commission. She worked the polls at Granger School for 40 years and is a Eucharist minister and lector at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

Curry was part of the committee responsible for bringing the Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller sculpture, "Water," to Agawam. She was also the recipient of the prestigious Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Curry worked at the Surprise! Card and Gift Shop in Agawam for 14 years and feels that her years in Feeding Hills and Agawam have been more than fulfilling.



Submitted photo
Marilyn Curry, center, the 2015 Agawam St. Patrick's Committee Citizenship Award winner, is pictured with, left, Barbara Foley, committee president, and Kerri O'Connor, award chairperson and board chairperson.

Seniors

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Jan. 12: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing, Parafin Hand Wax and Massage (sign up with Kristina); 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting Class, Sewing Class; 10 a.m., Chair Exercise; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4 p.m., Disability Commission Meeting; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 p.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 2 p.m., CPA Jack Welch Available (by appt.); 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Jan. 15: 8:30 a.m., Chair Exercise; 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch; 6:30 p.m., Evening Line Dancing.

Friday, Jan. 16: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Lunch menu

Monday, Jan. 12: Chicken and dumplings, mixed vegetables, spring salad, oranges.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: Cream of chicken and rice soup, Sloppy Joe, Tater Tots, pudding.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, applesauce.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Barbeque chicken, potato salad, corn on the cob, baked good.

Friday, Jan. 16: Crab meat quiche, mixed vegetables, spinach salad, peaches.

Winter programs for children at Agawam Public Library

The Agawam Public Library has announced the following winter programs that will be offered for children from Jan. 12 through Feb. 21. All programs are free but registration is required unless noted and may be done by going to www.agawamlibrary.org. For more information or to register, visit the library or call Youth Services at 413-789-1550 ext 3.

Mother Goose on the Loose is an early-literacy program for children from birth to age three with their parents or caregivers. This program incorporates books, rhymes, finger plays, flannel board stories, music, movement and child-parent interaction into a dynamic program. Registration is required.

Mother Goose on the Loose for Tiny Tots: Mondays, Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m., for ages 19-28 months.

Mother Goose on the Loose Lapsit for Babies: Thursdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 9:30-10:15 a.m., for ages birth-18 months (no siblings).

Mother Goose on the Loose for Terrific Toddlers: Thursdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m., for ages 29-36 months.

Preschool Storytime: For ages 3-5 years, Mondays, Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 2, 9, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or Tuesdays, Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb.

3, 10, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy stories, music, and a simple craft followed by 30 minutes of playtime. Registration required.

PJ Story Time: Children ages 3-5 are welcome to wear pajamas Wednesdays, Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11 at 6 p.m. Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, music and a simple craft. Registration required.

When school is cancelled or delayed, library programs are cancelled. There are no weekly programs during school vacation week, Feb. 16-20.

Winter Reading Club: For all ages, Jan. 12 – Feb. 21. Sign up online and pick up a reading log at the library. For each day participants read or are read to, they color one hockey puck and after three days, will receive a special treat. Those that read or listen for 10 days by Feb. 21 can return the log to the library and receive a Boston Bruins Reading Certificate and a book of their choice.

During the winter program session, a collection will be held to benefit the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center. Donations of paper towels and canned dog or cat food may be dropped off at the Children's Desk.

Register now for children's memory journal program

The Agawam Family & Community Program will host "My Life, Memory Journal, Session 2" on Tuesdays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10 and March 10, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library Children's Activity Room.

Participants will learn to create a memory journal that they and their families will treasure for years come. This program is designed for children ages 5 to 12 and their families. Registration is limited to 15 families.

Registration is required by emailing Michelle Connery at mconnery@agawam-publicschools.org or by calling 413-821-0597.

Each child will be provided with one complete album per school year. Refill pages will be provided once the initial album is complete. Attendees are asked to bring their own pictures.

ACC meeting open to the public

The Agawam Cultural Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public.

A great opportunity exists with the Agawam Cultural Council for anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members.

The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

Parent-child 'date nights' return Jan. 20

The Agawam Family & Community Program, in collaboration with Behavioral Health Network, will provide parents the opportunity to get to know their child by scheduling one-on-one time with them.

Back by popular demand, "Date Nights, Part 1" will be held Jan. 20, Feb. 3 and Feb. 25 at the Agawam Public Library Children's Activity Room. Parents are invited to experience a night out with one child, age 3 to 10, and enjoy some quality interaction while participating in fun activities.

Activities based on "Electricity and Light" will be offered for parents and their child ages 6 to 10 on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, "Engineering Encounters" activities, also geared for children ages 6 to 10, will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

"Rainforest" activities will be offered Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 6 to 7 p.m. for parents and their 3- to 5-year-old child.

Registration is required for each program by emailing Michelle Connery at mconnery@agawampublicschools.org or by calling 413-821-0597. Parents are asked to only come with one child at a time. Each event is limited to a maximum number of 20 parent-child groups.

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Helping Your Child Find the Right College A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

Presented by Susan Schatz, Founder of Schatz College Consulting; Stephanie King, Director of Student Financial Services, Bay Path University; and Dawn Bryden, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Admission, Bay Path University.

Thursday, January 15, 7:00 pm
Mills Theatre, Carr Hall

Finding the right college has become a lot more sophisticated and time consuming with the existence of over 1500 institutions of higher learning available. For parents of high school juniors, the process of helping your child select the right college can be a daunting task. Times have changed and it is not simply a matter of just taking the SATs, writing an essay, and determining affordability any more. It's far more complicated than that. Susan Schatz of Schatz College Consulting will provide a plan of action that starts with understanding how your child learns best and identifying what he or she is hoping to achieve from his or her college experience. Whether you are starting from

scratch or have already taken the plunge into the college search, emphasis will center on finding the right college "fit" through communication and support, and, by setting realistic expectations. Stephanie King, Director of Financial Aid at Bay Path University will discuss ways to finance college, the importance of FAFSA, need vs merit based scholarships, and how these factors play in determining the right fit.

Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

How to Go About Compiling Your College List and What To Do From There—for high school juniors only

Saturday, January 24 & 31
9:00 am - Noon
Location to be determined

Susan Schatz, Founder of Schatz College Consulting will lead a two-part intensive workshop for high school juniors on the college selection process and how to prepare for what lies ahead.

Part 1 of this lecture/workshop will focus on students' self-awareness: helping them identify their strengths and qualifications; what they enjoy and why; their favorite classes; and their strongest subjects. It will also encourage them to look at the careers of people around them. Who do they identify with? Why is that career interesting to them? The goal is to get them thinking about who they want to be and how a particular institution or type of institution will help them become that person.

Part 2 of this lecture/workshop will encourage students to establish an action plan for the remainder of their junior year and for their senior year including: college visits; testing; interviewing (if applicable); opportunities for community service; extracurricular opportunities; internships; summer jobs; job shadowing; and, ending with an overview of the college application process. Minimum to run: 10

Writing a Standout College Essay—open to students who have just completed their junior year of high school

June 22-26, 2015 – 9:00 am to 4:00pm
Location to be determined

Susan Schatz, Founder of Schatz College Consulting will lead a week-long intensive workshop for rising seniors on writing their personal statements for their college applications.

This weeklong course lecture/workshop is designed to help rising high school seniors draft a college application essay that speaks to their strength of character and demonstrates the skills of leadership and commitment that colleges seek. Students should come to the first scheduled class prepared with ideas for their personal statement. From there, they will generate a working draft and then edit that draft.

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STCC & Westfield State create low-cost strategy for a bachelor’s degree

An agreement between Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) and Westfield State University will provide significant cost savings to students who complete their associate degree at STCC and transfer directly to Westfield State to complete their bachelor’s degree. The Presidents’ MassTransfer agreement, which will go into effect next fall, will provide students with the opportunity to obtain their degrees from both institutions for a total not to exceed \$30,000.

MassTransfer is a statewide transfer program implemented by the Department of Higher Education. It streamlines the transfer process for community college students who want to complete a designated associates degree then transfer to any Massachusetts state college or University of Massachusetts campus.

This new Presidents’ MassTransfer Agreement expands on the current transfer program in place between the two schools for elementary, early childhood and secondary education licensure, by streamlining the transition from completion of a selected STCC associate’s degree program to enrollment and subsequent graduation in corresponding bachelor’s degree program at Westfield State, all within a prescribed period of time and with fixed financial rates for participating students.

On Nov. 20, STCC President Dr. Ira H. Rubenzahl and Westfield State Interim President Dr. Elizabeth H. Preston officially signed the Presidents’ MassTransfer agreement.

According to the agreement, STCC students must earn their associate degree within three years of enrollment and complete an approved Presidents’ MassTransfer program with an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 in order to be granted admission to the Westfield State major of choice (space permitting). Additionally, STCC students who graduate in an approved Massachusetts Department of Higher Education MassTransfer Program with a minimum 3.0 quality point average will be eligible for a MassTransfer tuition waiver, allowing STCC students to transfer to WSU seamlessly without any additional costs. Students must earn a maximum of 60 credits and complete their degree at WSU within a three-year period.

“Westfield State’s partnership with STCC makes getting a four-year degree accessible by ensuring a seamless transfer process between the two institutions that is extremely affordable and potentially less than \$10,000 for students eligible for Pell grant funding,” said Preston.

Approved eligible transfer programs include general business transfer; liberal arts transfer; liberal arts transfer, general studies; liberal arts transfer, fine arts option; and teacher education transfer, secondary. Students in these programs may transfer to Westfield State programs including art, communication, criminal justice, economics, English, ethnic and gender studies, history, political science, psychology, regional planning, social work, sociology, Spanish, and theater arts. Students previously enrolled at Westfield State are not eligible for this transfer program.

For those interested in learning more about the Presidents’ MassTransfer agreement or how to enroll, please contact: STCC Dean of Admissions Louisa Davis-Freeman at (413) 755-4380.

Catholic School Week

St. Joan of Arc School is looking forward to another Catholic Schools Week. On January 22nd, they will participate in the taping of the Chalice of Salvation. Ste. Rose de Lima pastor, Fr. William Tourigny, will concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Rozanski. The school’s choir will join the Ste. Rose junior choir to provide music. SJA students will serve the Mass.

On January 25th, the school will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, January 25th for families interested in Catholic education. The week will be celebrated with special activities to include rollerskating, Food Drive for Lorraine’s, Spelling Bees, Bowling, Pillow Day for the Troops, a presentation of The Trial of Hansel and Gretel by the Performing Arts Club, guest speaker Fr. Daly to speak regarding vocations and NJHS induction Mass.

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Blessed Sacrament School continues to grow academically as well as spiritually. We welcome our new assistant pastor Fr. Matthew Guidi to our school and parish community. Fr. Matt is another familiar face as his family lives in Holyoke and he attended Holyoke Catholic High

School. Fr. Matt will be a great asset to our school family and we are grateful to have him here as a spiritual advisor. Academically, we remain steadfast in our commitment to progress.

We continue to move towards the State of Massachusetts Common Core curriculum standards and we are expanding our Technology program with a goal to include tablets in every classroom.

At Blessed Sacrament School, our mission is to guide our students with Catholic values while helping them to develop their God-given talents. If you're looking for a solid educational foundation with faith-based principals for your child, consider Blessed Sacrament School in Holyoke. Come grow with us...you will be inspired!



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Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

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Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

College Acceptances: Garrett Diduk, Franklin Pierce University; Chris Basile, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, University of New Haven; Raffaele Manzi, Western New England University; Kaitlyn Martin, Mount Ida College; Roshni Patel, Nichols College; Michael Reed, Utica College, Worcester State University; Patrick Deane, University of Lowell; Kayla Moquin, Bay Path University; Jacob Hoban, Air National Guard; Mark Johnson, United States Navy; Thomas Giovanni Lazio, United States Marine Corps; Kayla Tausendfreund, United States Navy; Taylor Kareta, Fitchburg State University; Nick Hanchett, UMass-Dartmouth, Salem State University, Westfield State University, Bridgewater State University; Emily Feid, Curry College; Katrina Laz, Drexel University, Elms College, UMass-Amherst; Christopher Lazazzera, Springfield College; Patrick White, Anna Maria College.

Seniors: Please let Mrs. Tirone in the counseling office know what college/university you have been accepted into.

Helping Your Child Find the Right College: Bay Path University will host this event on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. This session will provide a plan of action that starts with understanding how your child learns best and identifying what he or she is hoping to achieve from their college experience. To attend, pre-register at <http://bit.ly/PlanningForCollege1>.

Bay Path Same Day Decision Acceptance: Is being offered at Agawam High School on Jan. 14. Sign up with Mrs. Tirone in the counseling office.

FAFSA Day (College Goal Sunday): A volunteer driven program providing free assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on either Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. at American International College or Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. at Holyoke Community College. For more information, visit www.fafsaday.org.

Free SAT Practice Test: Princeton Review will host a free SAT practice test to AHS students on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students must pre-register at princetonreview.com or 1-800-2-REVIEW, ext. 1065. Postcards have been mailed home to all 10th- and 11th-graders.

SAT Prep Course: Princeton Review will host an SAT Prep Course at AHS beginning Jan. 28. Students must pre-register and pay at princetonreview.com or 1-800-2-REVIEW, ext. 1065. Postcards have been mailed home to all 10th- and 11th-graders.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.



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Pictured at Career Day held Dec. 4 at Agawam Junior High School are, from left, Alan Rogers, Chamber Education Committee; Mayor Richard Cohen; Superintendent of Schools William Sapelli; Lisa Sheehan, career coordinator; and Patti Flores, Chamber Education Committee chairperson.

Junior high students learn about career opportunities

The annual eighth grade Career Day was held at the Agawam Junior High School on Thursday, Dec. 4. A total of 24 speakers were enlisted to speak to over 320 eighth-graders in classroom settings. Prior to the commencement of Career Day in the classrooms, a reception was held in the cafeteria and a program in the auditorium where keynote speaker Dave Ratner, of Dave's Pet Food City, gave an enthusiastic presentation to the students and faculty.

Alan Rogers, of the West of the River Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, introduced John Weiss, Chamber president, Mayor Richard Cohen and School Superintendent William Sapelli to the audience.

Career Day offers students an opportunity to think about future vocations and listen to various speakers in their areas of interest. The students were able to ask each of the speakers questions during the presentation process.

Speakers participating in this event included Dan Spellacy, U.S. marshal; Alike Hope, actress; Paul Pinsonnault, banker and financial planner; Dave Ratner, owner and founder of Dave's Pet Food/Soda City; David Long, video production; Tina Lankowski, barber and cosmetologist; Tanya Moriarty, lawyer; Jay Cameron, engineer; Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois; Judith Kelliher, writer and journalist; Rich Bernard, manufacturing and business; Coleen Dunn, web design and graphics; Gina Humphries, pharmacist; Ashley Veilleux, nurse; Stuart Ritter, physical therapy; Agawam Police Chief Eric Gillis; John Walters, chef and restaurant owner; Luke Pawlak, Springfield Falcons hockey team; Gerald Cutting, veterinarian; Chuck Kelly, floral and entrepreneur; Glenn Ford, aerospace engineering; Robin Jensen, early childhood education; Steven Maiolo, automotive; Christopher Sanchez, State Police trooper; and Jennifer McGrath, Six Flags.

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Regular School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main St.
Tuesday, Jan. 13 — 7 p.m.

1. Call to order

2. Executive session – 6:30 p.m. (contract negotiations)

3. Moment of silence

4. Roll call of attendance

5. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.

6. Citizens' speak time

7. Highlights on education:
a. School Safety and Security Presentation – T. Urbinati

8. Superintendent's notes

9. Student Advisory Committee representative update

10. Unfinished business: None

11. Business meeting:
a. Routine Matters
1) Approval of Minutes
2) Calendar/Correspondence

b. Warrants/Transfers

c. Reports:
1). Scheduled reports:
• 2015-2016 AHS Program of Studies – S. Lemanski

2). Subcommittee updates

12. New business:
a. SCR-15-01, Acceptance of Donation of Three I-Pads from the EvvGirl Foundation

13. Policy Review:
a. Policy JJE, Student Fundraising Activities, 2nd and 3rd readings
b. Policy KHA, Public Solicitation in the Schools, 2nd and 3rd readings
c. Policy GCCD, Domestic Violence Leave Policy, 2nd and 3rd readings
d. Policy GCF-R, Hiring Policy – Support Staff, 2nd and 3rd readings

14. Any other items that may legally come before the committee

15. Adjournment

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Exhibit features photographs by retired AHS teacher



Two beggars in Plymouth, England.

The Agawam Public Library will feature for the month of January the third photography exhibit by local resident Geraldine Schilling-Nordal. The new exhibit covers a wide range of subjects, from portraits, nature, interiors, buildings and atmosphere to cityscapes. Viewing will be during regular library hours on the gallery walls, the glass cases on both levels of the library and on top of the book stacks on the lower level.

Some pictures were taken locally and others on cruises or bus trips to surrounding areas. Schilling-Nordal recently traveled to the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Labrador Sea, the Greenland Sea and the Norwegian Sea. These journeys have taken her to areas around the Tropic of Cancer and she has been up over the Arctic Circle twice.

She was a faculty member of the art department at Agawam High School for 46 years before her retirement in 2003. She will turn 80 the first week in February and says this will be her last big exhibit, though she still hopes to continue traveling.

Schilling-Nordal has no training in this medium but says she has been fortunate to be able to see and appreciate what others miss. Some of the pictures were chosen for their content and educational value; others for their sheer beauty.



The Springfield Balloon Parade

Submitted photos



Gullfoss Falls, Iceland



Bergen, Norway



Stave Church at Epcot in Orlando, Fla.



A gull at Bergen, Norway



Windsor Castle

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Mayor Richard Cohen and other town officials are pictured with one of the folding stop signs that have been installed at certain intersections in Agawam. In the event of a power outage, police or municipal workers are able open the stop signs to create a mandatory four-way stop, thereby providing safety for area drivers. From left, Mike Nicora, deputy director of emergency management; Chris Golba, DPW super-intendent; Cohen; Chet Nicora, director of emergency management; and Police Lt. Donald Gallerani.

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SPORTS

Brownies take fifth at Tomkiel Tourney

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Connecticut teams made an impact at this year's Phil Tomkiel Holiday Wrestling Tournament held on Dec. 30 at Agawam High School.

The Brownies, which have won their own event a number of times, would end up placing fifth this year with 130 points.

The Brownies were able to crown two individual champions at the event. At 170 pounds, Nick Blais edged out Simsbury (Conn.) wrestler Sean Penney. It came to a 5-4 decision and Blais pulled out the win to get the individual title on his home turf.

The other Agawam win came in the heavyweight division as Nick Hope picked up a second round pinfall over Lukas Stone from Simsbury.

Hope controlled much of the match, but needed part of the second period to finish off Stone, a talented Class L wrestler from Connecticut.

David Rodriguez was a runner up for the Brownies, he competed

in the finals at 160 pounds. He took on Bilal Khan from Franklin. Rodriguez was only able to grab a couple of points early in the match, and suffered a 7-2 decision loss.

Neighboring Southwick had one individual champion. Eddie Martinez captured the 132-pound championship. He beat Nate Cormier from Monument Mountain of Great Barrington with a pinfall in just over a minute.

At 120 pounds, Jacob Stathers was the runner up, suffering a first-round pinfall loss with 10 seconds remaining. He fell to Vincent Palermo.

Simsbury, by far, ran away with the team victory with 230 points. The Trojans placed a lot of wrestlers in the top four. Tri-County was second at 177 pounds. Monument Mountain placed third with 160 points, and Granby, (Conn.) finished fourth with 132.5 points. Agawam had 130 points.

Southwick would place ninth as a team with just 75 points.

The tournament marked the return for 195-pounder Fred Karl-Morin. Karl-Morin has been out all season with a thumb injury

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Agawam's Jimmy Adams competes in a consolation match at 120 pounds.

Tough second quarter sinks Brownies

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AGAWAM – After a close loss against Chicopee Comp in the opening round of the Connecticut River Classic last Saturday, the Brownies were hoping for some better luck against Longmeadow.

Agawam had some early leads, but a poor second quarter spelled their doom as Longmeadow distanced themselves late in the game and beat the Brownies 71-49 on

Monday afternoon in the boys consolation game.

The Brownies joined the Connecticut River Tournament for the first time, replacing Longmeadow in the tournament.

Joe Moccio opened the game with a 3-pointer. But Longmeadow quickly came back and would have a 4-3 lead early in the game.

Moccio would hit another trey later on, and Agawam was able to take an 8-4 lead.

Longmeadow came back with a basket to cut the lead, and the

Lancers stayed very close. Sean Moore than came through with two straight layups. He was also able to make a three-point play on one of the scores to help Agawam keep their lead.

John Wright would struggle driving the hoop, but nailed a layup to give Agawam a 14-11 lead. Unfortunately, a trey would tie the game 14-14.

Nick Antico would take advantage of an offensive rebound and nailed a short bank shot to make it

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Agawam sits at top of Berry Division

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam hockey team graduated senior scoring power and an excellent goaltender. Yet they begin 2015 undefeated and still one of the teams to beat in the Berry Division.

That could have changed on Tuesday night against Westfield, the team that beat them in last year's Western Massachusetts Division 3 Championship.

But after the first part of the season that has seen the Brownies be tested against such talented teams as Longmeadow, Minnechaug, East Longmeadow and Auburn, the Brownies are showing the depth they have built in their program makes them a perennial contender on a regular basis.

In seven games in the 2014 portion of their season, Agawam has gone 6-0-1. They have already picked up four wins in their league, beating West Springfield, Minnechaug, East Longmeadow and Ludlow.

Even more impressive, they have a total of 47 goals in those seven games, an average of more than six goals per game.

They could be on another collision course with Westfield, which has a 4-2 record, with losses against Simsbury (Conn.) and Wachusett so far this year, but wins against all their Western Mass. opponents. Westfield has a couple of decided victories over Minnechaug and

Longmeadow, outscoring the two teams a combined 20-2.

Agawam beat Westfield twice last year before losing to them 6-4 in the tournament finals.

Agawam has gotten some great performances from their front lines so far this season. Their depth has also provided some great support. So far, 19 different players on Agawam's roster has registered points this season.

The Brownies' best contributor has been Seamus Curran, a talent that has played both forward and defense for Agawam. Curran has been on defense for most of the season. His biggest strength has been wrist shots from the far sides just inside the blueline. He leads the team with 10 goals and nine assists. His 19 total points also leads the team.

Chris Breault, who returned from playing hockey in another league last year, has 11 points. He has scored six goals. Joe Mercadante, who also did not play with Agawam last year, has 10 points.

Cam Rivest, who has been a standout for Agawam for the past four years, has provided great support for the offense. He has nine assists, tied for the team lead.

Zach Circosta, Anthony Passerini, Niko Passerini, and Elijah Bard have also contributed a lot of offense, making each line for the Brownies dangerous.

The huge offensive output has allowed Agawam's goaltending tandem of Nick Askins and Connor McAnanama to develop. Both

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Agawam's Nick Antico (4) eyes the basket as he takes a shot.



Turley Publications photos by David Henry sweetdogphotos.com
Agawam's Michael Ohradka (2) shoots a jumper in the paint.

Agawam hangs tough against Terriers

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys basketball team continues to struggle to finish games and pick up wins.

The Brownies lost two more games during the past week after being swept in two games in the Connecticut River Classic.

The Brownies have been able to score points, but their youth has not been able to step up on defense at the end of the game. Agawam has incurred these issues in games against Longmeadow and Chicopee Comp.

Against West Springfield last Friday night at home, the Brownies had an early lead at the end of the first quarter. They then fell behind during the second quarter and were down 19-16 at halftime.

Agawam would hang tough in the third quarter, but got into trouble in the fourth quarter and West Springfield took advantage of a few opportunities to run away with the victory 51-44.

After a busy few days in the holiday tournament, Agawam’s holiday stayed active when they took on East Longmeadow on road on Dec. 30, losing 59-48.

Like several of their games, the Brownies did hold a lead, carrying it with them for most of the game.

They got out to a good start and held a three-point lead after eight minutes. They kept the same distance at halftime, and then

widened the game during the third quarter. But Agawam’s scoring completely stalled late in the game and East Longmeadow pulled off a complete stunner of a comeback.

The Spartans went on a 27-10 run in the final 8:00 of the game to take the lead and put the game out of reach for the Brownies.

Part of East Longmeadow’s comeback was thanks to some great three-point shooting. They had 10 overall in the game, with four of them coming from Nathan Lindsay, and three each from A.J. Allen and Brendan Zuraw.

Agawam got a huge performance from Meesha Ohradka. He scored a career and game-high of 21 points. He had four treys.

Joe Moccio, who has been a consistent contributor so far this season, added 10 points to the game for Agawam. He had two treys and four made free throws. Sean Moore also added seven points, adding three made free throws. Moore has been good from the free throw line the entire season.

The Brownies have dropped to 1-6 with four losses in seven days. They were able to get some rest following last Friday night’s loss against West Springfield.

Agawam will be back in league action Friday when they host South Hadley at 7 p.m. They will host Ludlow on Monday at 7 p.m.

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Troy Carroll goes for a pinfall in a 138-pound match.



Cal Hastings holds an advantage during a match at 152 pounds.

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suffered during football season. Karl-Morin was recovered in time to take part in the holiday tournament and was able to pick up an early pinfall victory in 1:18

He lost by decision in the semifinals and went to the consolation bracket. He picked up a 29-second victory in the consolation semifinals and then defeated Nick DePedro in the second round of the consolation finals for third place.

New England Championship contender Anthony Basile cruised through his first match in the 145-pound match, but left the tournament with an injury and did not compete in the semifinals.

The Brownies will be in action on Wednesday at Northampton at 7 p.m.

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Agawam Little League registration

AGAWAM - Registration for the Agawam Little League spring 2015 season will take place at the Agawam Public Library on Jan. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration fees are listed below and include team shirt, hat and socks. Players will provide their own baseball pants and belts. Please do not purchase pants and/or belts until meeting with your team’s coach to determine what color to purchase.

Little League International has changed the league age determination dates for 4-9 year olds. Please visit agawamlittleleague.com to view the age chart.

T-Ball Age 4: \$60.
Instructional Age 5-6: \$80.

Minors Age 7-9: \$100.
AAA Age 9-12: \$100.
Majors Age 10-12: \$100.
Seniors Age 13-16: \$120.

Families with more than one child playing in the 2015 season will receive discounted pricing. The first child will be full price, second child will be half price and any additional children will be \$20.

Children living in West Springfield are eligible to play in Agawam Little League and will be eligible for any district tournaments if they are chosen. The ALL will accept cash or check and all major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover).

AHS Alumni Hockey Game scheduled

AGAWAM - The annual AHS Hockey Alumni Game will be held Sunday, Jan. 11, at 2:40 p.m. at the Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield.

The cost is \$20 per player, which may be paid at the door by cash or check. All

checks should be made payable to the Agawam High Hockey Booster Club.

Those planning on attending are asked to respond no later than Jan. 9 by emailing agawamhockey@hotmail.com. Be sure to include year of graduation.

Winter brochure program available

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation winter brochure is now available online at agawam.ma.us.

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Agawam's Alex Sours (25) looks to get off a jumper as a Longmeadow defender goes for the block.



Agawam's Joe Moccio (21) floats through the air as he prepares to shoot the ball.



Agawam's John Wright (10) tries to squeeze off a shot around a defender.



Agawam's Sean Moore (33) bangs into a Longmeadow player as he goes up for a shot.

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16-14 Agawam, but Longmeadow would tie the score near the buzzer.

Agawam's game would fall apart in the second quarter as they were outscored 2:1 by the Lancers.

The Lancers would go on a 5-0 run to start the quarter. Agawam had foul trouble earlier, sending Longmeadow players to the free throw line with more frequency than

they wanted. Sean Moore would get the Brownies back on track briefly when he hit two straight free throws to make it 21-18 Longmeadow.

Agawam would create two straight turnover by steals, but could not capitalize on either chance. Finally, Meesha Ohradka hit a short jumper to close the deficit to one point.

He received a pair of free throws that would have allowed Agawam to take the lead, but missed both shots and Agawam

continued to trail.

Longmeadow would go on to lengthen their lead, outscoring the Brownies 7-2 in the final three minutes of the second quarter.

The Lancers did not let up, putting up 41 points during the second half while Agawam was limited to 26. Longmeadow pressured Agawam while on defense, forcing some quicker shots than the Brownies wanted.

Agawam did have three players scoring in double digits with Ohradka scoring 13, including three treys. Wright had 11 points and Moore scored 10 points. Eight of Moore's 10 points came from the free throw line, a place he has excelled at so far this season.

Agawam is 1-4 this year and next plays Friday at home against West Springfield at 7 p.m.

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spent limited time in net last season with senior Chris Walles the starter.

So far, McAnanama has had the majority of the playing time, and has 87 saves.

Askins has 23.

The Brownies will get their next big test of the season on Saturday when they host Wayland, an Eastern Mass. team, at 3 p.m. at Olympia Ice Center. They will host Ludlow next Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

2014-2015 winter standings

Boys Basketball			Girls Indoor Track		
Valley Wheel			Pioneer South		
Sabis	2-0	3-3	Westfield	1-0	2-2
Chicopee Comp	1-0	1-4	Agawam	0-0	1-2
Longmeadow	0-0	4-1	Chicopee	0-0	0-3
Minnechaug	0-0	1-3	Chicopee Comp	0-0	0-3
South Hadley	0-1	1-1	Holyoke	0-1	0-4
Ludlow	0-1	1-4	Boys Swimming		
Agawam	0-1	1-5	Patriot		
Belchertown	0-1	0-2	Agawam	0-0	3-2
Girls Basketball			South Hadley	0-0	3-2
Valley Wheel			Central	0-0	2-2
Westfield	0-0	3-2	Chicopee Comp	0-0	2-3
Ludlow	0-0	2-3	Monson	0-0	1-2
Minnechaug	0-0	1-2	Palmer	0-0	1-3
Agawam	0-0	1-3	Easthampton	0-0	0-4
East Longmeadow	0-0	1-4	Holyoke Catholic	0-0	0-4
Hockey			Girls Swimming		
Berry			Patriot		
Agawam	5-0-1	6-0-1	South Hadley	0-0	4-1
Westfield	4-1-0	4-1-0	Chicopee Comp	0-0	3-2
Longmeadow	1-1-1	2-1-1	Agawam	0-0	2-3
West Springfield	1-2-0	2-3-0	Central	0-0	1-3
Ludlow	2-5-0	2-5-0	Palmer	0-0	1-3
Minnechaug	1-3-0	3-4-0	Easthampton	0-0	0-3
East Longmeadow	0-3-0	1-4-0	Monson	0-0	0-3
South Hadley	0-3-0	0-3-0	Holyoke Catholic	0-0	0-4
Boys Indoor Track			Wrestling		
Pioneer South			Ludlow	1-0	1-1
Holyoke	1-0	3-1	Westfield	0-0	1-0
Chicopee Comp	0-0	1-2	Agawam	0-0	6-4
Agawam	0-0	1-2	Northampton	0-0	0-1
Chicopee	0-0	0-3	Longmeadow	0-1	0-1
Westfield	0-1	2-2			

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DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

Anderson, Susan R.
Died Dec. 25, 2014
Funeral Jan. 3, 2015
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Berube, Fernande L.
Died Dec. 31, 2014
Funeral Jan. 5, 2014
Hafey Springfield Chapels

Circosta, Antoinette B.
Died Jan. 2, 2015
Funeral Jan. 7, 2015
Curran-Jones Funeral Home
West Springfield

DalMolin, Marguerite R.
Died Dec. 28, 2014
Funeral Jan. 6, 2015
Agawam Funeral Home

Howard, Sandra M.
Died Jan. 3, 2015
Funeral Jan. 9, 2015
Chapel of the Acres
Springfield

Lynch, Patricia V.
Died Dec. 30, 2014
Funeral Jan. 5, 2015
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Stafford, Springs, Conn.

Sanford, Frederick F.
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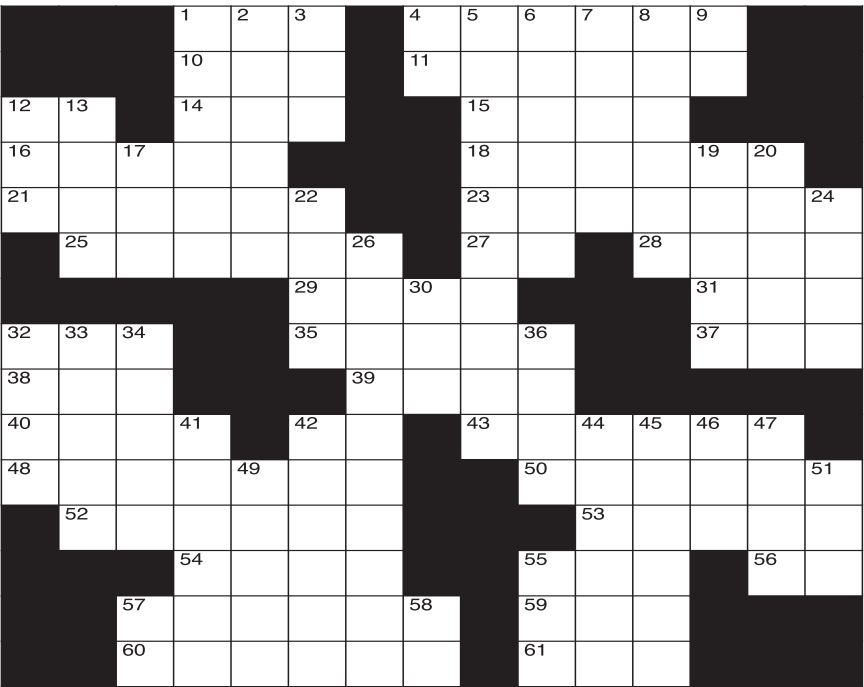


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- 1. Humbug
- 4. Meaningless talk
- 10. Conceit
- 11. Not studied
- 12. Megabyte
- 14. When born (abbr.)
- 15. Placed on a golf ball stand
- 16. Melekeok is the capital
- 18. Mischievous
- 21. Mason’s mortars
- 23. Spain’s former monetary unit
- 25. Small fries
- 27. Article
- 28. Capital of Yemen
- 29. Type of Theater companies
- 31. Plastic, paper or shopping
- 32. Electronic countermeasures
- 35. Language along the lower

Yenisei River

- 37. Institute legal proceedings against
- 38. Beam
- 39. Old World buffalo
- 40. Latch onto
- 42. Physical therapy
- 43. Conditions of balance
- 48. Half pro
- 50. Resounded
- 52. Sales event
- 53. Separates seating areas
- 54. N.M. Pueblo people
- 55. Bridge building degree
- 56. Fullback
- 57. Peyote
- 59. Afflict
- 60. Rests on one’s knees
- 61. Having negative qualities

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Besmear
- 2. Genus dasyprocta
- 3. A male ferret
- 4. Unit of volume (abbr.)
- 5. Italian hors d’oeuvres
- 6. N.W. German city & port
- 7. Signal sounds
- 8. Adult females
- 9. —, denotes past
- 12. Gas usage measurement
- 13. Fishhook point
- 17. Mauna —, Hawaiian volcano
- 19. In a way, thrusts
- 20. Grimm brothers birthplace
- 22. Withered; dry
- 24. Genus salvia
- 26. About senator
- 30. Livestock

- enclosure
- 32. Work units
- 33. Hebrew name meaning dog
- 34. A tumor composed of muscle tissue
- 36. Satisfy to excess
- 41. Third mast
- 42. A horse’s strut
- 44. Tree producing gum (Arabic)
- 45. Armour carried on the arm
- 46. Winged goddess of the dawn
- 47. Ego
- 49. Hesitancy
- 51. Young woman of society
- 55. Founder of Babism
- 57. Mark (abbr.)
- 58. Jeans maker’s initials

Sacred Heart Church to host vendor, tag sale

The St. Martha's Guild of Sacred Heart Church will host a vendor and tag sale Saturday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost for an 8-foot table is \$20, which may be reserved by mailing a check to the parish office, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030, designating "St. Martha's Tag Sale" on the envelope.

Setup will take place Friday, Jan. 16, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 17, from 8 to 9 a.m. Donations to the church will be accepted with proceeds to benefit future church activities.

A bake sale will also be held, with proceeds to benefit church activities. Baked good donations may be brought to the parish office Friday or Saturday. A notation is required for any baked good containing peanut butter or nuts.

Snow date is Feb. 21, with setup on Feb. 20.

Free photos with 'Frozen' sisters

"Let It Go" and bring the kids to meet Anna and Elsa from Disney's "Frozen," Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon at Heritage Woods Senior Living, 462 Main St., Agawam. Children can meet and take free pictures with Anna and Elsa and are invited to stay for goodies and activities.

Reservations are required by Jan. 21 by emailing Nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com or calling 413-789-8332.

TVAA meeting open to public

The Tobacco Valley Artists Association will hold its next meeting Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. TVAA's demonstrating artist for this meeting will be Nancy Howard of the Pioneer Valley.

Howard earned her BFA in painting from the Rhode Island School of Design. While working toward her master's degree in landscape architecture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, her interests in painting, art in landscape and the role of artist in the community were rekindled. Early in her career, she worked as a dinnerware designer and developed many floral designs. Howard continues to enjoy painting florals in both watercolor and oil, and explores planter design in terra cotta.

She paints and sketches onsite, paying particular attention to the relationship of the built environment with land, plants, water and sky. She is interested in how color, light and shadows describe form and space, and sense of place. A member of the Oxbow Gallery in Northampton for many years, Howard recently joined the Sawmill River Arts Gallery in Montague.

TVAA comprises 170 member artists throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. Meetings are open to the public.

Legal Notices

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December 16, 2014

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LEPC RE-CERTIFICATION



Submitted photo

Mayor Richard Cohen received the re-certification to the town of Agawam for the Local Emergency Planning Committee on Thursday, Dec. 18. Pictured with him are, from left, Chet Nicora, Emergency Management director; Robert Berry, local coordinator for Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency; and Barbara Nicora, LEPC secretary.

PARK, from page 1

"We are planning to move our summer concert series to the park this year," said Sparks. "We are really happy about this because we think it will help draw more people out to the Wednesday night concerts."

For several years, the Parks and Rec Department has hosted the concert series, much of it funded by private donations from local businesses. The concerts have always been free of charge to all and have featured local or regional bands. Ashley Gearing, a locally well-known country music artist, has also performed a concert for Parks and Rec before.

Sparks says he believes moving the concert will attract more people. Concerts were previously held on the Veterans Green in front of Phelps Elementary School, where parking is limited.

"There is really not a lot of places you can park a car on Main Street near the green," said Sparks. "In Phase II, we added more parking spaces and an entrance from Corey Street. It will provide safe access to the park for people to come enjoy the concerts. The band shell is really biggest piece of this phase."

Sparks says there are no plans to change any of the acts people have come to enjoy seeing, and there will still be children's concerts held during a few daytimes this summer.

Still left to compete is some minor paving and grading of the new walking paths, which all must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Beyond that, the new part of the park will be ready for use. Sparks says the town was looking to have the second phase completed for this year, but there was not a locked-down deadline for completion.



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A concession and bathroom building is another component of Phase II at School Street Park, which is expected to open later this year.

"At this point, we are planning on being ready to go for the spring and summer and we are really happy about that," said Sparks.

The town invested more than \$2.2 million into the project. It is being completed by Mountain View Landscapes and Lawn Care Inc., the general contractor on the project.

In addition to the work being performed by the contractor, a nine-hole disc golf course was also installed by a recent Eagle Scout.

DOG, from page 1

"It was just something we randomly came up with," said Strong. "We did the blue police badges a couple of years ago. Some of my friends on the Fire Department wanted to see something for the firefighters, so we did red hydrants last year."

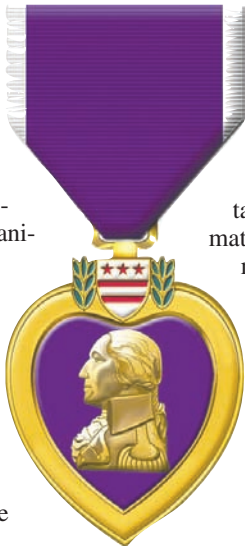
Strong says the themed licenses are a sort of accessory that owners now enjoy putting on their animals.

"There are a lot of dog owners that like to put 'bling' on their dog's collar," said Strong. "These licenses are both fun and encourage dog owners to get their dogs licensed."

Since the theme-license program was started, licensing of dogs in Agawam has more than doubled, Strong says.

To date, more than 2,000 licenses have been issued for 2014. Strong says the 2014 licenses will be issued until April, when the 2015 licensing year begins. She ordered the Purple Heart licenses earlier this week and they will be in stock soon. Sometimes, residents pre-license their animals in late February or early March.

"Before we had these licenses, we had 1,000 or less people licensing their dogs," said Strong.



Air Force News Agency illustration

The Purple Heart military decoration will serve as a model for Agawam's 2015 dog license tags.

"But the more dogs we have licensed, the better it is for our staff and the dogs."

Local and state laws require all dogs living in Agawam to be licensed.

Strong says dogs wearing their license tags can be immediately returned to their homes if they are found by Animal Control. She says taking them home instead of a shelter is less traumatic on the animals. She also says time at the animal shelter can have a negative impact on a dog's behavior.

Strong also encourages anyone planning to visit the new dog park — to be constructed this year on Maynard Street — to get dogs licensed.

"Any dog that resides Agawam and wants to attend the park must be licensed," said Strong. "It is mandatory for attendance there."

Strong says there is no licensing requirements at the local or state level for cats. She said most cats refuse to wear collars and often lose licenses.

The fee to license a dog is \$25. If the dog is spayed or neutered, the cost is reduced to \$10.

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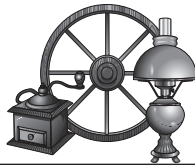
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Friday, Jan. 9

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES continues with "The Magic of Daniel GreenWolf" beginning at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. Free to the public.

A BLOOD DRIVE at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., to benefit Baystate Health will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. Identification required. Donors must be 17 or older, in good health and weight at least 110 pounds.

Sunday, Jan. 11

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., and will feature a presentation and discussion about "Early U.S. Half Dollars (1812-1817)." Refreshments will be served. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Deena Maniscalchi, GWVSAM, focusing on "The Samurai Spirit." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library's community room. Guest speaker is Loretta Medeiros, acrylic artist. Guests are welcome.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children.

Thursday, Jan. 15

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "A Caravaggesque Painting in Springfield" featuring John L. Varriano, Professor Emeritus of Art at Mount Holyoke College, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

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Wednesday, Feb. 4

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789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

A BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:15 p.m. at office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

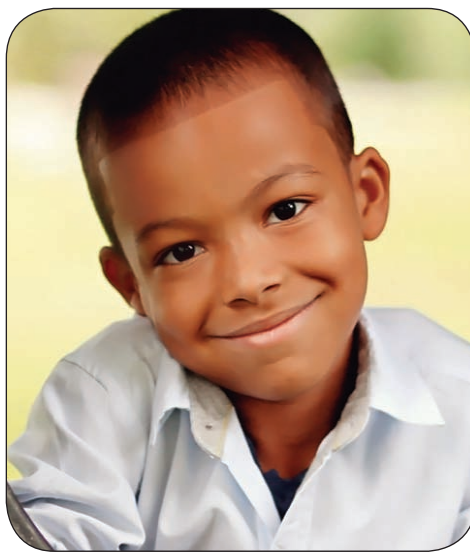
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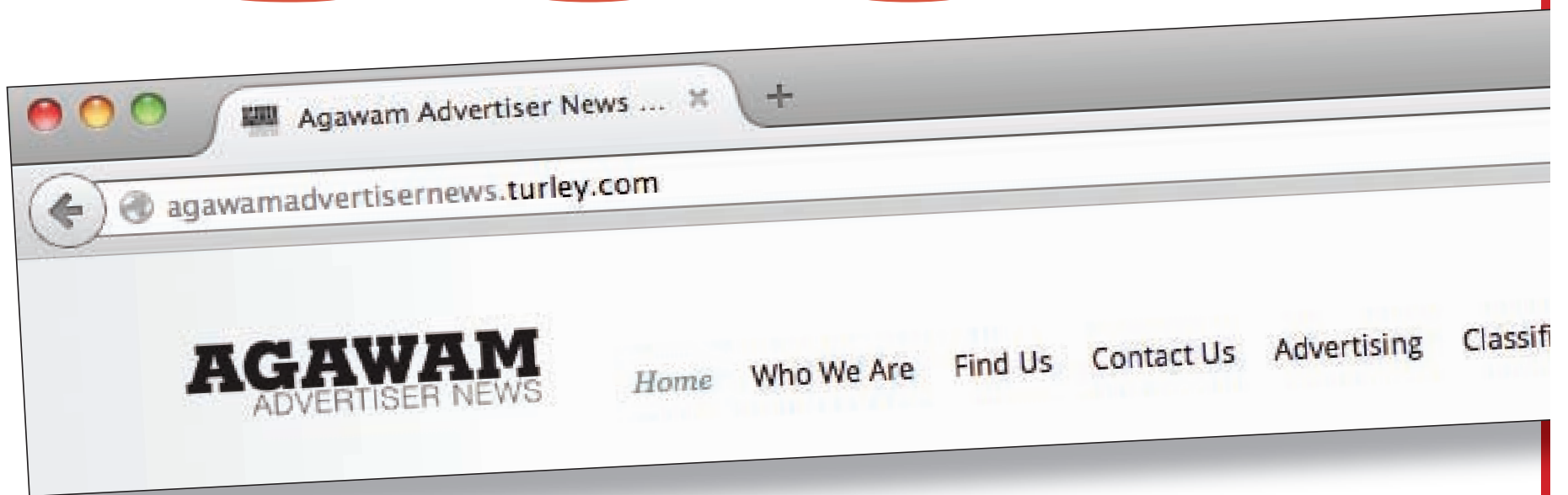
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